

\$140,000,000 with industry providing 70% funding and DOE contributing 30%. DOE Phase 3 funding is anticipated as \$7,021,000 or 48% of the total \$14,488,727 cost of implementing up to 10 MW of grid-connected photovoltaic applications and 2 MW of small-scale photovoltaic applications. This notice is published for public comment at least fourteen calendar days prior to making an award.

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on May 4, 1995.

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Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Waste Management at the Savannah River Site, Aiken, South Carolina

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Revision to one alternative in the Savannah River Site Waste Management Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DOE/EIS-0217D).

SUMMARY: DOE issued the Savannah River Site Waste Management Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on January 20, 1995. The EIS evaluates alternative approaches to and environmental impacts of managing wastes at the Savannah River Site (SRS). The EIS examines alternatives for managing five types of waste (liquid high-level radioactive, low-level radioactive, hazardous, mixed (radioactive and hazardous combined), and transuranic) during the next decade and establishes a baseline for assessing options for waste management beyond that time. DOE extended the initial 45-day public comment period to March 31, 1995, in response to a request from the SRC's Citizens Advisory Board.

Throughout the comment period, DOE continued to consider many of the issues addressed in the draft EIS. As a result of these considerations, DOE has decided to change the treatment of low-level waste proposed in the "moderate treatment" alternative. The change concerns the location of, but not the technology used in, the treatment of about 40% of the expected volume of low-level waste at the SRS. This change would reduce disposal vault capacity requirements by providing: (1) Immediate utilization of commercial volume reduction capacity in lieu of construction of an onsite compactor, (2) more detailed and effective sorting, and (3) offsite waste treatment during maintenance periods of onsite treatment facilities.

In the draft EIS, the "moderate treatment" alternative included onsite incineration, supercompaction, or direct disposal of low-level waste. In the final EIS, this alternative would include: (1) Onsite incineration or direct disposal of low-level waste, and (2) supercompaction, size reduction (e.g., sorting, shredding, and melting), and incineration at an offsite commercial treatment facility. In the event of offsite treatment, all residues would be returned to the SRS for further treatment or disposal.

DOE is modifying this alternative in the final EIS because at present the Department does not consider construction of an onsite supercompactor to be a reasonable component of the "moderate treatment" alternative. As licensed offsite supercompaction services are currently available, it would not be cost effective for DOE to build a supercompactor at the SRS. The modified alternative allows DOE to conserve space in its existing disposal vaults and to defer the costs of building additional vaults.

DOE intends to continue with the present schedule for issuing the final EIS because the impacts of the treatment technologies that would be used were already evaluated as onsite options in the draft EIS. The impacts of transportation to commercial treatment facilities and these facilities' capacity will be evaluated in the final EIS. DOE does not consider this change in the "moderate treatment" alternative to be sufficiently significant to reissue the draft EIS. Minor modifications will also be made to each alternative to account for updates to the waste volume forecasts.

DOE would solicit proposals from commercial facilities for reducing the volume of low-level radioactive waste in the future, and would require the facilities to supply information that DOE would use to prepare an additional environmental review as required by Title 10 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) § 1021.216.

ADDRESSES: DOE will accept comments on the above modifications through June 12, 1995. Any comments on the revision or requests for further information should be directed to: A.B. Gould, Jr., NEPA Compliance Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, Savannah River Operations Office, P.O. Box 5031, Aiken, South Carolina 29804-5031, Attention "WMEIS", e-mail: nepa@barms036.b-r.com, or by telephone or facsimile through the Information Line (800) 242-8269.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information on DOE's National

Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, please contact: Ms. Carol Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585. Telephone: (202) 586-4600 or leave a message at (800) 472-2756.

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Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action Ground Water Project

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy announces the availability of the draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action Ground Water Project. The proposed action is to conduct the Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action Ground Water Project using appropriate ground water compliance strategies at the 24 uranium processing sites based on a health and environmental risk-based framework that provides a consistent and flexible approach. The three other alternatives analyzed in the programmatic environmental impact statement are: No action, active remediation to background levels at all processing sites, and passive remediation at all processing sites. Separate site-specific National Environmental Policy Act documentation will be prepared to address site-specific ground water compliance activities.

DATES: The public comment period extends through July 17, 1995. Written comments should be postmarked by that date to ensure consideration in preparation of the final document. Comments postmarked after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. Comments may also be submitted orally or in writing at public hearings to be held at the times, places, and dates listed below.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the draft programmatic environmental impact statement should be directed to Mr. Rich Sena, Acting Director, Environmental Restoration Division, Department of Energy, Suite 4000, 2155 Louisiana N.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110. Addresses of Department of Energy Public Reading Rooms and public libraries where the draft

document will be available for review are listed below under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for copies of the draft programmatic environmental impact statement and requests for further information concerning this draft document may be directed to Mr. Rich Sena at the address above. Requests for copies of the draft programmatic environmental impact statement or requests for more information may also be made by leaving a message at 1-800-523-6495 (outside New Mexico) and 1-800-423-2539 (within New Mexico). For general information on the procedures followed by the Department of Energy in complying with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act, contact: Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20585, Telephone 1-202-586-4600 or leave a message at 1-800-472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Public concern regarding the potential human health and environmental effects from uranium mill tailings led to passage of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act (Public Law 95-604, 42 USC § 7901 et seq.) in 1978, wherein Congress acknowledged the potentially harmful health effects associated with uranium mill tailings at 24 abandoned uranium mill processing sites. Pursuant to the Act, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency developed standards (40 CFR Part 192) which include exposure limits for surface contamination and concentration limits for ground water, to protect the public and the environment from potential radiological and nonradiological hazards from the abandoned mill processing sites. Final ground water protection standards were published in the **Federal Register** [60 FR 2854 (Jan. 11, 1995)]. The Department of Energy is responsible for performing remedial action to bring the surface and ground water contaminant levels at the abandoned mill processing sites into compliance with these standards. The Department of Energy is accomplishing this function through the Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action Project. Remedial action will be conducted with the concurrence of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the full participation of affected States and Indian tribes.

Uranium processing activities at most of the 24 mill processing sites resulted in the formation of contaminated ground water beneath and, in some cases, downgradient of the sites. The purpose of the Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action Ground Water Project is to protect human health and the environment by meeting the Environmental Protection Agency standards in areas where ground water has been contaminated with hazardous constituents, such as uranium and nitrate, as a result of former uranium processing activities.

A major first step in the Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action Ground Water Project is the preparation of the Ground Water Project programmatic environmental impact statement which assesses the potential programmatic impacts of conducting the Ground Water Project, provides a method for determining the site-specific ground water compliance strategies, and supplies data and information that can be used to tier off site-specific environmental impact analysis documents to eliminate repetition. The proposed action and the alternatives in the document are considered programmatic in that they broadly address the overall plans for conducting the Ground Water Project.

Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement Preparation

The Department of Energy published a Notice of Intent [57 FR 54374, Nov. 18, 1992] to prepare a programmatic environmental impact statement and commence the scoping process. The public scoping process was completed on April 15, 1993. Public scoping meetings were held in Falls City, Texas; Durango, Colorado; Moenkopi Village, Arizona; Shiprock, Arizona; Tuba City, Arizona; Window Rock, Arizona; Grand Junction, Colorado; Gunnison, Colorado; Rifle, Colorado; Bowman, North Dakota; Lakeview, Oregon; Canonsburg, Pennsylvania; Halchita, Utah; Salt Lake City, Utah; St. Stephen, Wyoming; and Riverton, Wyoming. The Department of Energy received over 500 comments on the proposed scope of the programmatic environmental impact statement which were considered in preparation of the draft programmatic environmental impact statement.

Availability of Copies of the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

Copies of the draft programmatic environmental impact statement have been distributed to Federal, State, and local agencies, and to organizations, environmental groups, and individuals

known to be interested in or affected by the Ground Water Project. Additional copies of the document may be obtained by contacting the Uranium Mill Tailings Project Office at the address or telephone numbers listed above. Copies of the draft programmatic environmental impact statement and applicable documents referenced in the document are available for inspection at the Department of Energy's reading rooms and at the public libraries in the vicinity of the 24 former uranium processing sites listed below.

Department of Energy Reading Rooms

Freedom of Information Reading Room, Room 1E-190, Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20585
National Atomic Museum Library, Public Document Room, Department of Energy, Albuquerque Operations, Albuquerque, NM 87115
Grand Junction Project Office, Department of Energy, 2597 B 3/4 Road, Grand Junction, CO 81302

Public Libraries

Arizona

Tuba City Public Library, Tuba City, AZ 86045
Navajo Nation Library System, Window Rock, AZ 86515
Kykotsmovi Public Library, Community Development Director, Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

Colorado

Cortez Public Library, 802 E. Montezuma, Cortez, CO 81321
Denver Public Library, 1357 Broadway, Denver, CO 80203
Rifle Branch Library, Second Street, Rifle, CO 81650
Mesa State College Library, Grand Junction, CO 81502
Dove Creek School Library, Dove Creek, CO 81324
Durango Public Library, Reference Department, Durango, CO 81301
Glenwood Springs Library, 413 9th Street, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601
Gunnison Public Library, 307 N. Wisconsin, Gunnison, CO 81230
Naturita Public Library, 312 W. Second Street, Naturita, CO 81422
Montrose Public Library, 4349 First Street, Montrose, CO 81424

Idaho

Boise Public Library, 715 S. Capitol Bldg., Boise, ID 83805

New Mexico

Navajo Community College Library,
Shiprock Branch, Shiprock, NM
87420

Mother Whiteside Memorial Library,
525 W. High Street, Grants, NM
87020

New Mexico State University Library,
1500 3rd St., Grants, NM 87020

University New Mexico Gallup Library,
200 College Road, Gallup, NM
87301

University New Mexico Zimmerman
Library, Albuquerque, NM 87131-
1466

New Mexico Environmental Department
Library, 1190 St. Francis Drive,
Santa Fe, NM 87502

North Dakota

Bowman Public Library, 104 Main
Street, Bowman, ND 58623

Dickinson Public Library, 139 West 3rd
Street, Dickinson, ND 58601

Oregon

Lake County Library, 513 Center Street,
Lakeview, OR 97630

Pennsylvania

Canonsburg Public Library, East Pike
Street, Canonsburg, PA 15317

People's Library, 2889 Leechburg Road,
Lower Burrell, PA 15068

Texas

Falls City Public Library, P.O. Box 325,
Falls City, TX 78113

Utah

Bluff Public Library, Bluff, UT 84512
Marriott Library, University of Utah,
Salt Lake City, UT 84112

San Juan County Library, 25 West 300
St., Blanding, UT 84511

Grand County Library, 25 S. 1st East,
Moab, UT 84532

Green River Library, 85 South Lang St.,
Green River, UT 84525

Wyoming

Riverton Branch Library, 1330 West
Park, Riverton, WY 82501

Wyoming St. Library, Supreme Court
Building, 24th & Capitol Street
Cheyenne, WY 82002

University of Wyoming Library,
University Station, Laramie, WY
82071

Opportunity to Comment

Interested parties are invited to comment on the draft programmatic environmental impact statement. The Department of Energy will consider written and oral comments equally when preparing the final programmatic environmental impact statement. Written comments should be sent to Mr.

Rich Sena, UMTRA Team, at the address given above. To be considered in the document, written comments should be postmarked by July 17, 1995; comments postmarked after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

Public Hearings and Information Meetings

The public is invited to comment on the draft programmatic environmental impact statement to the Department of Energy in person at the scheduled public hearings. The purposes of the hearings are to receive comments on the subjects analyzed in the draft document; to provide information to the public concerning the content and adequacy of the programmatic environmental impact statement; and to respond to public questions on the analyses or the programmatic environmental impact statement process. Hearings will be set up to address these areas. Persons presenting oral comments at the hearings are encouraged to provide the Department of Energy with written copies of their comments.

Conduct of Hearings

Format for the conduct of the hearings will be announced by the presiding officer at the start of the hearings. The Department of Energy personnel conducting the hearings may ask clarifying questions regarding statements made at the hearings. Transcripts of the comments made at the hearings will be made available at Department of Energy reading rooms and public libraries listed above.

Hearing Schedules and Locations

Shiprock, New Mexico, June 7, 1995,
Shiprock Chapter House, 7:00-
10:00 p.m.

Durango, Colorado, June 8, 1995,
Durango City Hall, 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Halchita, Utah, June 13, 1995, Mexican
Hat Elementary School, 7:00-10:00
p.m.

Moenkopi, Arizona, June 14, 1995,
Moenkopi Community Center,
7:00-10:00 p.m.

Tuba City, Arizona, June 14, 1995, Tuba
City Chapter House, 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Grand Junction, Colorado, June 22,
1995, Grand Junction City Hall,
7:00-10:00 p.m.

Gunnison, Colorado, June 21, 1995,
Gunnison County Court House,
7:00-10:00 p.m.

Falls City, Texas, June 27, 1995, Falls
City Community Center, 7:00-10:00
p.m.

Riverton, Wyoming, June 28, 1995, St.
Stephens School, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

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Environmental Restoration.*

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Privacy Act of 1974; Establishment of a New System of Records

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Proposed establishment of a new Privacy Act system of records.

SUMMARY: Federal agencies are required by the Privacy Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-579, 5 U.S.C. 552a) to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** of a proposed system of records. The Department of Energy (DOE) proposes to establish a new system of records entitled, "DOE-87 Human Radiation Experiments Helpline Records".

DATES: The proposed new system of records will become effective without further notice June 26, 1995, unless comments are received on or before that date that would result in a contrary determination and a notice is published to that effect.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be directed to the following address: Director, Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act Division, U.S. Department of Energy, HR-78, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585. Written comments will be available for inspection at the above address between the hours of 9 a.m and 4 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: (1) Ellyn R. Weiss, Director, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Human Radiation Experiments, 1726 M Street, NW, Washington DC 20036, or (2) GayLa D. Sessoms, Director, Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act Division, HR-78, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585 (202) 586-5955 or (3) Harold Halpern, Office of General Counsel, GC-80, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 (202) 586-7406.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DOE proposes to establish a new system of records entitled "DOE-87, Human Radiation Experiments Helpline Records". This system will contain records of telephone calls to the DOE or the Interagency Helpline (operated by DOE) and correspondence with or involving the callers. The calls and correspondence were in response to DOE's December, 1993, announcement that it would declassify and publicize information pertaining to Human